

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Seminary

Heber City, Utah

see what their students really knew about the scriptures. The Heber Sixth Ward finished first, with Center Ward second. The High Council team finished third in a great effort. They were also kind enough to buy the winning team their dinner at the Homestead which saved us about \$56.00. The winning team received a book about writing a personal history, and the dinner. For the second place team we gave a book titled "Charlies Monument".

SENIOR BANQUET: This activity was held this year at the Heber Stake Center on April 6, 1978. We chose this day because it was the date of the restoration of the gospel in these latter days. It was a very successful evening with almost 100% of the Seniors attending with one or both parents. We listened to testimonies from four seniors: Scot Lythgoe, Kevin Bauer, Patti Parcell and Joylene Bond. We were also entertained by a group "Shades of Day" which is made up of students in the Acappella choir from BYU. Bro. Graham Doxy counselor in the Young Mens presidency of the church spoke to us for a few moments.

CLOSING SOCIAL: This year we met at the Midway town park for our closing social and just like last year it was a cold blustery day. (May 17, 1978) The kids were very good natured about the weather though and played softball like it was 80 degrees outside. We also had games of volleyball, cageball and turf softball going in the town hall. Later we fed everyone all the fried chicken they could eat along with salad and potatoe chips, roll and punch. For dessert they had a fudgesicle and the movie "Blackbeards Ghost". Everyone seemed to have a great time, all 125 of them. The new student council did an excellent job of getting the games ready and helping during the evening. They will be a good group to work with.

MORNINGSIDES: We held four morningsides this year. In October Bro. Paul Warner our new District Coordinator spoke to the kids about the importance of getting all they could out of their years in high school. In early November we had both stake presidents: Reed Ford and Larry Duke talk to the students about different Quest topics and after they had finished we listened to testimonies from many of the students who were there. In January Sis. Ruth Funk who is a member of the Young Womans organization of the church and also a delegate to the "IWY" convention in Houston Texas spoke to the students about the convention and what implications it will have for their future. We also invited all the sisters of the valley to come and join us if they would like and we had a very large group gather at the early hour of 7:30 a.m.. Sis. Funk told us about how effective the opposing side was at putting their points across and encouraged us as Latter-Day Saints to improve our talents of public speaking and also to keep ourselves well informed on important current issues. In March two young men from BYU, Trey Martino and Eric Knoepfel presented the life of the Prophet Joseph in music and it was very well done and enjoyed by the students.

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SACRAMENT MEETINGS: As in the past the Seminary put on Sacrament Meetings in all of the wards in the valley that extended an invitation to us. Sharon Young was in charge of arranging all of the meetings, and the comments from the Bishops indicated that the meetings were well done. We involved over 100 students in these programs, and feel it is an excellent recruitment tool as well as student involver.

SEMINARY GRADUATION: Graduation again this year was a very spiritual highlight to our year. We had a total of eighty four year graduates and four students receiving certificates of achievement. We also honored two exchange students from Mexico who attended our school and seminary this year. They are Rita Sagel, and MaElena Yescas. They each received a Certificate of achievement for their work. Both are non-members but we hope we have been able to plant a good seed. We are happy to note that the number of students receiving certificates of achievement is going down so we are finding a higher percentage of students finishing the program a full four years. Bro. Ed Pinegar a successful Dentist and teacher at the College of Religion at BYU was our guest speaker and did an excellent job. For the first time the graduation was held on a sunday. (May 21, 1978) This was necessitated because the High School moved their graduation to Wednesday instead of Friday and the Jr. High Promotion is still on Thursday.

ADMINISTRATIVE FOCUS: This year I have endeavored to bring the faculty closer in terms of what we are teaching daily, how we are grading, filing and in general a close similarity in most of the experiences the kids are having in the classroom. I tried to do this without curbing any teacher creativity and individuality. The reason I wanted to do this is so that the student is sold on the seminary program and not just the teacher, and then has a bad experience his next year when he has a different teacher. I feel we have made some real progress in this area this year.

SUMMARY: This year has been a very successful year. Many students have made positive comments frequently about the quality of the bulletin boards the lesson materials, their love for their teacher, for the gospel and of their appreciation for the Quest program. These comments have been echoed by many parents to me as I go about personal and official seminary business about the community. There is an excellent working relationship with the highschool faculty and staff, all of whom are most helpful to us. We try our hardest to return our appreciation by taking part upon request from them in activities of the school, ie. we ran the down markers at the football games, and ran the time clock and did the public announcing at the basketball games. All total I would say it has been a most successful year and I must add how much I have enjoyed my stay here in Heber. It has been a time of great personal growth and enjoyment for both myself and my entire family.

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SEMINARY COUNCIL FOR 78-79

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Beginning August 29 - May 25th
Heber Senior Rel. Time Seminary

The Heber Senior seminary is located at 180 East 600 South, in Heber City, Utah. The seminary serves two stakes and 15 wards with the Heber and Wallsburg Valley. It serves students from the 10th through 12th grades and is located adjacent to the Wasatch Senior High facility.

Principal: John Charles Blanchard

Teachers: William L. Hull Jr.

Fred Rose (part-time instr.)

Seminary Officers:

Grant Moulton, President

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Dawn Jorgensen, V.P. activities

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Opening Social: Some 300 students gathered at the 3rd & 7th ward chapel during the afternoon and evening and enjoyed the brief testimonies of the seminary teachers and counselors from the seminary student council. This was the first year we had invited the 9th grade to be with us, and that proved providential as we later found out that we would become a four grade seminary next year with a new middle school system being incorporated into our district. Socializing was exceptional for that wide age-spread and then we showed "the Boatniks" from Walt Disney. A successful social occasion. We had planned a carnival to go along with the show, but inclement weather forced a change of plans. Sloppy Joes and Orange Drink was served by the student council.

Personnel Changes: Brother George Johansen discontinued last year to pursue private business endeavors, truck driving and is still living in Wallsburg. Brother Douglas Wangsgaard also left last year to teach in the Day Seminary Program in Glendora, California along with Bishop Jim Ritchie who taught here at Heber. Brother John C. Blanchard, came to Heber from East Carbon and Carbon High Seminaries where he had been teaching for the last four years. Prior to that he had taught in Scottsdale, Arizona, Ft. Apache, Arizona and Gallup, New Mexico. He became the new principal of the Senior Seminary. Due to an increased student load, Br. Fred Rose, who had previously taught early-morning in California, was hired to teach one class per day and did an excellent job. Also Br. Gerald Klein was hired to teach one class per day and taught until the end of 1st semester and then had to quit due to other business commitments in his profession as a chiropractor. Brother Bill Hull taught for his 10th year in Heber and Brother Dennis Campbell taught for his 4th year here.

Serious illness: During this year Brother Campbell again had recurring illness, with it eventually having to have an operation on the nerves in his hands. It kept him out of school for no more than three days, so we were fortunate, and he seems to be recovering well.

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Courses taught: This year the subject was Book of Mormon. The outline had been used only once before and all the teachers were able to complete the lessons. It emphasized scripture chasing and scriptural insights. Also well over 95% of our students completed at least one basic reading of the Book of Mormon and were well versed in finding and applying the 40 basic scripture chase situations. There was a good exchange of methodology and ideas between teachers which went a long way to enhancing the lesson materials.

Church Positions of Faculty: Brother Campbell is currently serving in his capacity as 1st counselor of the Heber-East Stake Presidency. Brother Hull is serving as a member of the High Council in the same stake, with duties specifically bearing upon Boy Scouting. Brother Rose is serving as a councilor in the First Ward Bishopric with Bishop Michael Moulton. Brother Blanchard is filling his duties as Gospel Doctrine instructor in the 5th ward Sunday School and as Ward and Stake Project Temple Instructor. Babies born into our faculty include a baby girl to Br. Rose's wife, a baby girl to Brother Campbell's wife and Sister Blanchard expecting in October of this current year. So Zion grows!

Enrollment and Recruitment: Our enrollment this year has wavered in the neighborhood of 86% during a year when again no credit is given. Actually, credit has been no problem, and with the ACLU decision and have not given credit for 8 years here we seem to be right up with the times. The adjacent school has no gone to a middle school system which will be bring the 9th grade into our facilities this year, and a new credit requirement with it. Now 28 credits are possible with 22 required for academic graduation. 15 of those are required courses, with the remainder being elective. This has allowed ease of registration for those students wishing to enroll in seminary.

Our recruitment efforts have been increased greatly by Bishops who are very supportive and involved in the recruitment program. As a great result, we will be adding three new rooms onto our building next year. (Construction projected to be completed sometime in October of 1979. Also we will grow in faculty by one additional instructor, Brother Buddy Calderwood, who has been the instructor in Park City for four years and currently resides in Heber. Our bishops receive lists of potential and enrolled students by the semester and also prior to new enrollments. Each bishop then interviews those not in seminary and assists them to understand and possibly become involved in it. Our enrollment at the senior seminary seemed to vacillate between 330 and 345 all year long.

Student Recognitions: As seems to be the case almost everywhere, our LDS Seminary students were outstanding achievers well above a logical percentage to be expected of them. The current council at school were LDS and the New council for next year, with one exception were also, and he would be if he could procure parental permission. Carmelle Smedley took first in state girls tennis, Tim Patch took first in state pole vaulting inspite of injuries, Wende Tolley took first in broadjumping at state, as did Marge Carlile in the state high jumping. Kam Kohler took first in state wrestling and then went on to take fourth in world invitationals. There were many outstanding achievements as well as dissapointments. This graduation class of approximately 100 seminary seniors is very strong. We have had a few problem children, but only a few. Tom Crook has been a outstanding achiever in computer sciences and many of our students achieving near 4.0 scholastic records.